

# CHURCH OF GOD *Evangel*



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Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?



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## Readers' RESPONSE

To the Editor:

Just finished reading another issue of the *Evangel*, and want to express my sincere appreciation for the splendid work you are doing regarding this periodical. It is interesting, informative, and spiritually strengthening. In my opinion, the reports of revivals, prayer requests, the superb sermons, testimonies, etc., meet the exact need of the church as concerning the printed page.

I especially enjoyed the historical review of the different Pentecostal movements, the series regarding the rural church, suburban church, and now the resumes of Church of God activities. This certainly is inspiring and gives us greater familiarity with the church.

I've always enjoyed your wonderful preaching, (I remember your pastorate in St. Joseph, Mo.) but your editorials have been the very best recently. I would like to have a collection of them.

All in all the contents of the *Evangel* this year have contributed a tremendous service to the church, and to the winning and establishing of souls in the kingdom of God.

It was my privilege to hand a copy of the *Evangel* containing Earl P. Paulk's sermon on "Biblical Tithing" to the general overseer of the Seventh Day Church of God recently. He seemed to enjoy getting it.

—PAUL F. BARKER

Salem, W. Va. Pastor

To the Editor:

I have just been reading the *Evangel* and it stirred my soul. I am a nurse in a mental institution and you could never know the awful things I come up against here. I am desperately in need of a new touch from God. I feel so far away from Him. I don't get to go to church much, but I do want to be a blessing to others. I know Jesus is soon coming, and I want to be ready.

Pray for me that God will give me a great spiritual awakening that I may win some soul to Him. Also pray for my husband, who is a backslider. We are both desperately in need of God.

—MRS. C. B. ANDERSON

Arcadia, Fla.

To the Editor:

I have taken the *Evangel* for more than 40 years and would like to say that it is a welcome visitor to my home. It has been a great blessing to me through the years. I knew the first general overseer and went to many of our Assemblies and enjoyed each one. I plan to go to the next one in August. I have enjoyed the work in the Church of God in Illinois since 1922.

May God bless the work of the *Evangel*.

—MRS. CLARISSA SUMRALL

Jackson, Miss.

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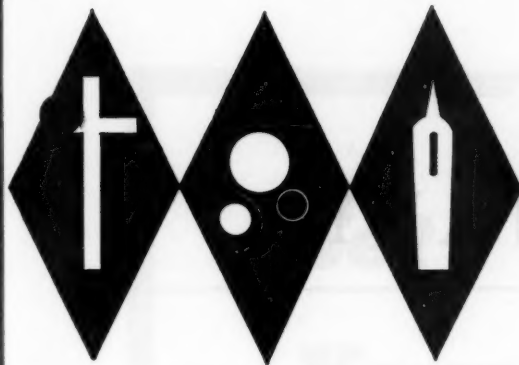
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# Editorial

## A Goal Before Us

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO I wrote on the need of a goal, or an objective to which we can rally. If we are to grow, then we must stretch upward to Christ and outward to man. To exist we must have a strong rallying point.

It seems to me that this goal has now been set before us. It is a cause, a need, a point of focus. This is the nationwide radio broadcast that has been approved and will begin immediately. Since the recent Assembly, the newly-appointed radio commission, H. D. Williams, Ray H. Hughes and Earl P. Paulk, Jr., has been hard at work on plans to initiate the broadcast. Tentative plans now call for the premier broadcast on November 1, 1958. This is less than six weeks away.

It is to begin on a chain of powerful stations from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf. Eight stations will carry the broadcast in the beginning, with the goal for the future of thirty stations, and ultimately, if the Lord should so will, of network proportions. That is of course a long way off—but it is a goal.

Earl P. Paulk, Jr., has been named as speaker and program director, with Bennie S. Triplett as announcer and music director. This is a capable and worthy team, men who will represent us with distinction. A special choir is now being trained at the Headquarters chapel, where the programs will originate. It is reported that excellent progress is being made.

Official announcement of the program will be made later when all the tentative plans are made final. At this time it is sufficient to point out that a tremendous opportunity is before us. We must take advantage of it and succeed for the sake of Christ and lost souls.

Your support and cooperation will be needed. As capable as they are, Brother Paulk and Brother Triplett will not be able to make the program a success. We must all help.

Will you begin now to pray for the great step that is to be made? Your prayers are of utmost importance.



Earl P. Paulk, Jr., newly-appointed National Radio speaker.

## "The Book That Lives"

(Cover Picture)

Among the many displays at the recent General Assembly was that of the American Bible Society. The Church of God has cooperated with the society for many years in distributing the Scriptures throughout the world. In the cover picture Mr. T. Newton Wise is presenting a copy of a foreign language Bible to H. D. Williams, Assistant General Overseer. Watching the presentation are: (left) Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief; and A. M. Phillips, General Secretary-Treasurer. This year representatives of more than 50 denominations, including the Church of God, have selected the theme "The Book That Lives," to be used during the world-wide Bible reading program. This program begins Thanksgiving and ends Christmas. The *Evangel* will be having further announcements concerning this. Universal Bible Week has been set for December 7-14. We trust that all the *Evangel* readers will observe these dates.



# *From the heart of a*

# MISSIONARY

By L. E. Heil

It was Sunday morning at sea. This is an experience which most of you will never know personally, so I thought I would attempt to express to you something of our feelings in this unique situation.

We returned to our cabin after a fine breakfast served in all the style of an exclusive American restaurant plus the unparalleled courtesy of the Japanese waiters. (We are sailing on the Hikawa Maru, a Japanese ship.) Possibly the most all-inclusive statement that could be made about an ocean voyage is that it is relaxing. We have time on our hands. And Sunday morning is the same as every other morning in that way. Between breakfast and lunch there is nothing to do except to read, visit, or participate in a few deck games. From lunch until dinner the time is passed in much the same manner. Then from dinner until bedtime—another repetition.

Today there was a pleasant variety. Church was announced for 10:30 this morning in which various missionaries would participate and all of the passengers were invited. I was ready for church and it was still more than an hour and a half until service time. Without any reason I looked out the porthole. The same water we saw yesterday—and the day before—was there in abundance. But today it impressed me differently. The water was constantly tossing, and the swells endlessly rose up and dropped only to rise and fall again until it would eventually fade in the distance. The water was just a little rougher this morning, and as I watched it momentarily, the words of Isaiah 57:20 became vivid and meaningful to me: "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest." As I observed that the sea was ceaselessly in a state of unrest, I supposed I could partially comprehend what God sees as He looks upon the restless souls who populate this world. Some people are struggling for survival, showing eagerness for advancement, striving for promotion, working for security, competing for popularity, becoming greedy for position, grasping for gain. Some are even fighting and waging wars for possession and dominions, but all these are of this world. Is not the troubled restless sea even quieter at times than the populace of our world in its panic after prosperity and its futile efforts for peace apart from the Prince of Peace.

A day or two prior to the date set for sailing, we received letters from my parents and my wife's parents implying a hope that because of the extreme international tension in the Near East we might pos-

sibly feel it wise to postpone our sailing. On the contrary, increased unrest and strife is additional reason for all Christian soldiers to man their battle stations with renewed diligence and a Christ-like fervor to tell the glad story of His love to the lost. Our Jesus died for each one of them, and we as a church utterly fail if we do not expend our greatest effort and ability to preach the gospel of the kingdom in every nation before His return, which we have cause to believe is imminent. As the time shortens, our responsibility increases.

Back to our narrative. With still some time remaining before service on this Sunday morning, I opened my Bible and began reading in the 14th chapter of Isaiah. Each line was a new inspiration as I read of the restoration of Israel, the condemnation of Satan and the destruction of his hellish ambitions against God and His creation, and finally the judgment of Babylon and Assyria (the ungodly nations of the world). This judgment of the wicked implies the final redemption of the righteous, but aside from this implication, there is really no cause for us to rejoice in the righteous judgment of God. Realizing the certainty and the awfulness of the impending destruction of wickedness, we are compelled to increase our efforts to convince the heathen that, though their gods do not hear, there is a God in heaven who constantly listens for the cries of their hearts.

Church is finished now—and dinner—and the water is much rougher, just as the power of sin seems to be getting daily stronger. My stomach warns me of the possibility of seasickness. As I get steadily sicker, I like to imagine that I can see a little more clearly into the soul of God. Does He never despair in His effort to save as He observes from that high vantage point that the troubled sea of humanity is getting steadily more restless even to the point of storm? Will mankind never accept the love of the living God? Will man never bow before the benevolent benefactor? Just one more look at the water will supply the answer. A sight similar to the stormy seas that baffled the efforts of the apostles almost two milleniums before our time meets our eyes. There is no rest in the endless expanse of the waters. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isaiah 57:21). But there is peace given through the miracle of the Master as His forgiving love floods the soul in anguish.

This is a small ship on which we are sailing. It

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# Set Yourself

By Gilbert J. Scotti

*"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God" (1 Chronicles 22:19).*

**S**ET YOURSELF!" Two words with a message to the individual that can change his entire life. To the sinner, it can mean the attaining of God's eternal salvation, and to the Christian, the attaining of God's double portion of power.

There is a saying: "If you try and don't succeed; try, try again." But I don't believe that anything worthwhile, and especially of God's kingdom, can be attained by simply "just trying." For example, we do not receive God's salvation by simply trying, but when we set ourselves to repent of our sin and accept Him as our Saviour. How often have people sought the baptism of the Holy Ghost with an unconcerned attitude or that lazy "I'll try" attitude and never receive Him until they set their hearts and souls to receive Him or tarry until. O Christian, when we awaken to the fact that God is not interested in bestowing His heavenly gifts or power on people who are not set for His kingdom.

Meditate for a moment on the determination of Jesus to do the will of His Father even if it meant His life, and it did. Can you hear His words as He speaks unto Satan on the mount of temptation when Satan offered Him the kingdoms of the world if He would fall down and worship him? "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve" (Matthew 4:10).

Jesus was set to lay down His life for the world,

accepting the cross with its shame and afflictions rather than wealth and fame. Oh, if the people of the world today would set themselves to repent of their sin and live for God as hard as they set themselves to attain wealth and fame, what a different world this would be. And if every Christian, even in the midst of trials, persecutions, ridicule or poverty would set his heart and soul to serve the Lord, then he could say with Paul, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:35, 37).

Elisha, the young prophet chosen of God to take the place of the aged Elijah, *set himself* to obtain the double portion by following Elijah from place to place. Elijah had begged him many times to stay behind, but Elisha would only reply, "As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee" (2 Kings 2:2). He continued following him, for he realized how much he needed the power of God.

Hear the sons of the prophets along the way calling out to determined Elisha, "Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head today?" (2 Kings 2:3). In other words, "What's the use of following him; come on back." It reminds me of many people today that are always seeking an easier way, always trying to discourage that one who is determined to serve God. Also the cold and formal churches of today are calling out to young ministers who have a determination to have the double portion of God's power, saying, "Come on over and join us; you don't need the power of God. We have a fine program, fine orators, great theologians, famous psychologists. Why do you want the power of God. It takes too much sacrifice!" But listen what Elisha yells back to the sons of the prophets, "Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace" (2 Kings 2:3). Or as I interpret it, "Yes, I know what I am doing. Mind your own business. I've *set myself* to get this double portion of God's Spirit no matter what the cost."

Truly in this Christian walk there are always the "Job's comforters," those who will say, "It's not worth it; curse God and die." But, oh, that we shall say even as Job, "Though God slay me, yet will I trust him," and as Elisha, continue on to the other side of the river to receive our reward for being set to follow after God. God is looking for that one soul who will *set himself* to serve Him, that He may give him His Spirit in a double portion, enabling him to go and set the captive spirits free, heal the sick, and even raise the dead. Are you willing to set yourself? If not, there will be no reward.

Hear the word of the Lord once again, "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore, shall he beg in harvest and have nothing" (Proverbs 20:4). "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God."

# Consecration in Church Music

By Ruth Williams

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID about the various types of songs used in our churches today. Discussion of this is appropriate and good, for only in recognizing our needs shall we be able to meet them. However, in our attempt to rectify existing conditions, we can easily overlook one of the greatest factors involved. The fact that the song is a hymn or gospel song is not of prime importance; it is the spiritual depth and understanding of the singer that causes a song to live or die. Singing is a ministry that compliments and strengthens the church and minister; but it is so only when the singer is hidden behind the Cross of Calvary, pointing the listening audience to Christ. The song must flow through a heart filled with the Spirit, straight from the throne of God. It is a fatal mistake to sing for men's applause or for the purpose of displaying a beautiful voice. There is only one reason for a song—that of glorifying God in praise and true worship. Just as a church becomes a strong church under a consecrated pastor, so will the choir flourish and grow when directed by a dedicated minister of music.

Scripturally, we are told to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. We are given a beautiful picture in Chronicles of the different choirs. David led a robed choir; Heman directed a chorus choir with a musical background and singers who sang victory songs before the battle, were appointed for a militant choir. These choir members were employed "day and night" and the beauty of sermon in song poured forth from men and women of spiritual stature (1 Chronicles 9:33). This clear example must be our guide today. A church where hymns are never sung is like a grow-

ing boy with hamburgers as his steady diet. He grows up stunted, having no taste for T-bone steak or fried chicken. His idea is that because he likes hamburgers the whole world likes them! The same rule applies to singing; a steady diet of one kind of song leads to spiritual decay. There is no substitute for the soul-stirring, ageless hymns. They will live forever! Our young people suffer a grave injustice at our hands when we rob them of the strength and depth the old hymns offer. A deep appreciation for these inspired treasures comes with spiritual development; the two just cannot be separated!

GOSPEL SONGS HAVE their place in the church also, for down through our history, singing has been a deciding factor in our growth. Every hymn sung today was once a "new song" and many of them received considerable opposition in their day. As long as there is Pentecost there will be gospel songs, for our joy and exuberance come forth and will not be denied.

The consecrated singer will not sing to be heard, nor use cheap tactics to attract attention. He will sing the gospel song with reverence and humility and in sincere adoration of the Man of Galilee. Gospel song writers of our day are godly men and twenty years hence our grandchildren will be praising God through their songs. You and I have witnessed gospel songs, sung by spirit-filled singers, breaking up the stony heart and bringing grown men weeping to the altar. No song can ever do more, but again we must see that it is God in the singer that draws the unrepentant sinner to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. God has chosen to use the instrumentality of man for His work, and when we as singers are spiritually sound and strong, the song will come forth pure and holy, lifting up the fallen.

Songs of pantomime, chorus singing and cantatas also have their place. Our neglect of them because they require work and preparation is an indictment to each of us. The "do-it-yourself" fad that grips the nation is apparent in some devotional periods. Without prayer or planning the song service proceeds with the choir leader the main participant. Ministers enter the pulpit to speak, only after hours of prayer and meditation, and the same dedication is necessary for those who sing the gospel. Through spiritual travail, diligent study and a sincere burden for the souls of men, we will lift up Christ in song. Not by might, but through the power and spirit of Almighty God!

The hymns are blessed; gospel songs are inspirational; choruses fill a deep need and cantatas build our youth. We should have them all, but anointed singers must do the singing. Psalm 40:3 expresses our need: "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." The sinner must see our praise to God before he will fear and trust in the Lord; it will not be the singer he sees, it will be God in the singer! The ministry of music is vitally important to the church. God grant that we pray earnestly for the gifted singers who seek only to glorify God.



# Resolutions of the 47th General Assembly

## SOCIALISM

WHEREAS, socialism has within it the essence of communism with its evils of totalitarianism, deception, antagonism to democracy and the ignoring of the divine image;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Church of God through its General Assembly, publications, and ministry make a forceful and uncompromising stand against this political system and party.

## COMMUNISM

WHEREAS, communism in its demands upon the mind, will, and emotions of its constituents is a religious system incompatible with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, it places society and the state prior to God in the affections and loyalty of men, and

WHEREAS, its denial of human individuality cannot avoid totalitarianism, and

WHEREAS, its totalitarianism creates a most vicious class system, and

WHEREAS, it is foreign and antagonistic to all democratic philosophy, and,

WHEREAS, it deceptively embraces otherwise commendable endeavors in its infiltration of our society;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Church of God in this General Assembly express its uncompromising opposition to communism as a political and religious system, and to any of its deceptive Front organizations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we alert our constituents to the clever and insidious techniques communists are employing in the infiltration of various organizations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our constituents avoid association with any group or movement whose opposition to communism is not clear and uncompromising, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly make public through its official organ and the public press this stand on communism.

## OBSCENE LITERATURE

WHEREAS, the newsstands of our nation continue to be filled with obscene and indecent publications which glorify a sensual and perverted behavior, and

WHEREAS, publications of this same libertine ob-

session are being processed in great quantity by the United States mail, and

WHEREAS, these publications are being read in tremendous volume by the youth of this nation, thereby stimulating a pattern of thought and behavior which enlarges the already horrible and tragic juvenile delinquency problem,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge our constituents, churches, publications, and church related institutions to be alerted to this evil and to lend their cooperation to any and every effort to eliminate obscene and pornographic literature from our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we seek to influence our legislators to pass sufficient laws to prohibit the processing of this type literature through the United States mails or its sale on public newsstands.

To prohibit by law advertisements for any intoxicating drinks appearing in magazines, newspapers, on television and radio, highway billboards, and other media.

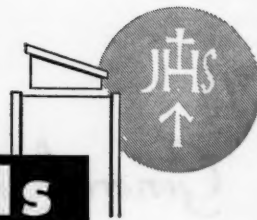
Because we firmly agree that alcohol is a narcotic which, by depressing the higher nerve centers and releasing inhibitions, makes for social ease and pleasure; that it impairs reason, will, self-control, judgment, physical skill, and endurance; that there is overwhelming evidence of the social detriment caused by alcoholic poisoning; and because alcoholism is a steadily growing disease in these United States—we have a duty to discourage the spread of the disease.

Prohibition of advertisements, which would increase the consumption of intoxicating drinks and tend to make more alcoholics, is, therefore, sound public policy. The liquor industry is very skillful in its advertising, depicting drinking as sophisticated and desirable socially. They portray poised, masterful men and beautifully-gowned, well-behaved women. These advertising artists never suggest any unseemly coarseness in relations of men and women in high-priced or low-priced taverns. They fail to give a true picture of the manifestations of injurious emotions. Therefore, we denounce the continued invasion of the American home by advertisers of alcoholic beverages which beguile our youth.

We strongly commend the action of the province of Manitoba, Canada, who prohibit by law the advertisements for intoxicating liquors and hope it will

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# revivals



## Chicago and Revival



Over a year ago, the pastors, members and friends of the Church of God of the Chicago area, felt the need of a city-wide revival. Brother V. B. "Vep" Ellis was secured for the preaching, and God gave a revival in Chicago.

It was then that plans started for another city-wide revival this year. Brother Ellis graciously consented to come back to Chicago, and pastors and laity began to make plans for the revival. A theatre building, with a seating capacity of 1,000 was rented; committees started to work; churches began to pray, and God began to move.

July 11 was the opening service. Of course, Satan doesn't stay idle during a time like this. A few hindering objects appeared, but on Tuesday night of the first week, God poured out His Spirit on the service in a glorious way. Yes, the revival was on! Each night the Lord blessed His people, and Brother Ellis preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. One thing that was so noticeable about the whole revival was that every thing said or done seemed to point to the coming of the Lord. The songs were of His coming and the preaching

opened our eyes to the reality of His coming.

There were approximately 80 people saved, and a remarkable number sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many were reclaimed and revived. The sick were healed. Yes, every phase of the meeting was an old-time revival. Even in the face of the recession the budget of something over \$2,000.00 was supplied.

It was a real blessing to have our state overseer of the Churches of God of Illinois, Rev. F. W. Goff, to visit us on Saturday night. He expressed his gratitude for the revival.

In the Chicago area, there are approximately 10,000 people who either were members of or acquainted with the Church of God in the South. This is one of the "ripest" fields in the nation for the church. At the present time, plans are being processed to start a Bible college, which will be a branch off of Lee College, right here in this great city. It has been predicted (by those who are in position to know), that by 1970, there will be another 4,000,000 people in Northern Illinois. This is saying nothing about Northern Indiana and other outlying industrial areas from Chicago. One other thing noticeable is this: a few short years ago, the Church of God was hardly known in Northern Illinois. Today, some of the nicest church property in the state is in this area.

**WE NEED HELP!** Pastors, evangelists and laity, if you get a chance to come to this part of the country—God can use YOU. We need people who will take an interest in the church. You probably won't see the large crowds that you would in the South, but God is moving for us. I predict within a few more years (should the Lord tarry), some of the strongest churches in the country will be in this area. The money is here, people are coming to it, and God is helping our pastors and officials to feel the burden for His work. We have been told by people who know, that the people of this area will support a revival, financially, better than anywhere else.

Again we say, "Thank God for Brother Vep Ellis!" He has helped

us to prove that it can be done. His heart is in "Revival for the Church." His operations, in our opinion, are absolutely above any questioning. We're proud of him and his faith that God will give us revival. The people are more closely knitted together in God's love and grace since the revival. Churches cooperated in the meeting from as far as 65 and 70 miles away. Pastors worked together like real brothers. **THANK GOD, FOR THE REVIVAL IN CHICAGO.**

—John Black, reporter

## Forty-seven Saved in Revival

WAYNE, Mich.—We are happy to let you know that we had an outstanding revival at the Wayne Church of God. The evangelist was Rev. A. H. Tribble of Ravenna, Ohio. We felt the presence of the Lord every night. There were 47 saved, 38 sanctified, 31 filled with the Holy Ghost, 24 baptized in water, and 23 added to the church. There was prayer for the sick nightly and God healed in many ways. God revealed to our evangelist that one sister in Christ had cancer. God marvelously healed her body.

This was one of the greatest revivals we have ever had at our church. The pastor is Rev. O. L. Holloway, Jr. Our revival started June 15 and ended July 20. We hope to be in our new church soon which is located at 35212 Melton Street.

We give God all the honor and glory for everything that was done during this revival.

—Earl Rose, reporter

## Eighteen Saved at Farners

FARNER, Tenn.—The Farners Church of God just closed a revival with 18 saved, 15 sanctified, 17 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 baptized in water and 7 added to the church. The Lord really blessed us with Brother Walter T. Stafford's fine singing and preaching. Brother Stafford is a young man who, I believe, will be a blessing to your church. You may contact him at this address: Rev. Walter T. Stafford, Route 3, Box 92, Clinton, North Carolina.

—Rev. J. L. Dunn, pastor

## Sinners Repented, God Performed Healings

URBANA, Ohio—We have just closed a 15-day revival with Rev. M. S. Vanmeter, evangelist. It was considered by some of the people of Urbana to be the first Pentecostal revival ever conducted there. God is really moving and the power of God is really great—so great that the demon powers were heard



to cry out as the Word was preached. Sinners repented and God performed many marvelous healings during the revival. We had 12 saved, 4 reclaimed, 4 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 14 added to the church. We also broke our Sunday School record.

We thank God for the moving of the Spirit. The church has only been organized since February 16, 1958. We highly recommend Brother Vanmeter to any church that is in need of a God-anointed evangelist for a revival.

—Mae Marcum, reporter

### Successful Revival, Y.P.E. and S.S. Increasing

BUENA VISTA, Ohio—We are happy to report a successful revival at the Church of God in Buena Vista. It was conducted by Rev. Jesse Pyre from July 13-27. Nine were saved, 4 sanctified and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. We had 8 baptized in water and 5 added to the church. Brother Pyre was a great blessing to the church and to everyone that attended the revival. This revival did much to uplift and encourage the Christians. Our Y.P.E. and Sunday School have been steadily increasing and our young people are on the march for the Lord.

—Mrs. Dorothy Tibbs, reporter

### Best Revival in Years

WHITWELL, Tenn.—We are in a great revival at the Whitwell Church of God. There have been 30 saved, 24 baptized in water, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. This revival, conducted by Rev. J. E. Smeltzer, is the best revival we have had in years.—Rev. W. T. Morefield, pastor

### Most Wonderful Revival in Years

MT. ZION, N.C.—We have just closed a revival at the North Mt. Zion Church of God with a young evangelist doing the preaching. He is Richard Bowen, 11 years old, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The two-week revival closed with 18 saved, 7 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost and 5 added to the church. It was the most wonderful revival that we have had in years. We thank the Lord and give Him the praise for everything. Any church would be blessed with this young evangelist.

—Nita Forester, reporter

### Thankful for God's Blessings

GRAND RIDGE, Florida—We have recently closed a wonderful

revival here at the Grand Ridge Church of God where Brother G. F. Newton is pastor. Brother Thomas Batts, from Columbus, Georgia, was the evangelist. God put His approval upon his singing and preaching by the anointing of His Spirit. During the 2½ weeks of revival, there were 13 saved, 10 sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 4 added to the church. We are so thankful unto God for His blessings.

If you secure Brother Batts for a revival, you will surely make no mistake. You may contact him by writing to 1512 4th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia. —Church reporter

### Eighteen Baptized With the Holy Ghost

PELHAM, Ga.—The Pelham Church of God has recently closed a successful revival conducted by Rev. Johnny Jones of Hazelhurst, Georgia. Brother Jones is a fine young minister dedicating his life for God and the church. Anyone desiring an evangelist to be an inspiration to the entire church as well as to sinners should contact Brother Jones. There were 10 saved, 16 sanctified, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. —Clerk

### Church Rejoices Over Successful Revival

WEST HARTSELLE, Ala.—The whole church is rejoicing over a most wonderful two-week revival. The house was filled every night to capacity and many stood on the outside. Many were in the altar each night. The Holy Ghost was manifested in many wonderful ways. Services closed on Sunday evening, July 27, with 13 saved, 8 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 added to the church, and 12 baptized in water. Sister Edna Horst, of South Dakota, was our talented and consecrated evangelist. Rev. W. H. Preston is our good pastor. —Ann Whitten, reporter

### Greater Vision to Work for God

DEMOREST, Ga.—The Demorest Church of God has just closed a mighty, Holy Ghost revival with 5 saved, 20 sanctified, 20 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water, and 8 added to the church. Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Taylor, formerly of Sunnyvale, California, did the preaching. This was Brother Taylor's second revival in one year with us. The first revival was so great that he came back, along with his wife, for the second re-

vival. This was by a request of the church. God moved in a wonderful way.

God has given us a great year here. We have had 30 saved, 22 sanctified, 22 filled with the Holy Ghost, 15 baptized in water, and 15 new members added to the church. Our membership has grown to 79. We are praising God for this good increase. Our Sunday School has a Silver Shield and has averaged 122 per Sunday. Thanks to the wonderful officials and teachers, and most of all, thanks to God. The church is moving along with renewed vigor and a greater vision to do the work of God here and be ready for His soon coming. Pray for us.

I would like to recommend Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Taylor to the Churches of God everywhere. They are old-time preachers and have the results that we used to have in meetings years ago.

—Rev. J. T. Bramblett, pastor

### God Has Blessed Us

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—We of the Jacksonville Heights Church of God would like to praise God for the way He has blessed us. One night when we were having a Jericho march, the power of God started falling and 4 people went to the altar and were saved. Out of a week's revival, our pastor got to preach only 3 nights. There were 3 sanctified and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost. We have had exceptionally good altar services since Sunday night, August 3.

I would also like to thank everyone that prayed in my behalf for me to get to go back to the house of God.

Pray for us at Jacksonville Heights that we will ever do the Lord's will.

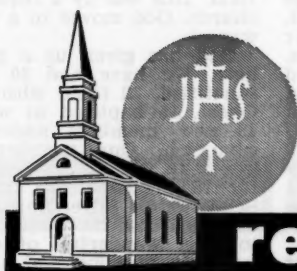
—Henry Morgan, reporter

### God Blesses New Church

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—We have just had a wonderful three-week revival at the North Memphis Church of God. God blessed in many ways. Several were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The evangelist, James A. McCullough, preached under the anointing power of God. We had the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing the second week of the revival. At the close of the revival, 2 joined the church and 7 were baptized in water.

The Lord is blessing North Memphis Church of God. It is a new church and God is blessing in a great way under the leadership of G. L. Coley. Pray for us here at North Memphis that God will use us in any way He needs to.

—Mrs. James A. McCullough, reporter



## reports

### Great Day in Zion at Hickory

HICKORY, N.C.—On May 11, 1958, the fruits of 21 years of labor were harvested at the Hickory Church of God. The note-burning, home-coming held on this day was the realization of a dream come true. While these years of toll seemed hard and endless, the re-

ward of mortgage-free property and of being completely out of debt makes us know the Lord will bless conscientious and steadfast workers.

The church was organized and built in 1937 by Rev. J. W. Pritchard and rebuilt in 1946 by Rev. Paul Curtis. These brethren, along with Rev. A. A. Padgett, Rev. Gar-

land Grooms, Rev. George D. Lemons, and Rev. Lawton B. Thomas (our present pastor), were great shepherds in leading us to this wondrous day. We think the fact that of the 21 years of organization our church has been served by only six pastors is worthy of mention. Brother Lemons and Brother Thomas represent the last 11 years.

Our state overseer, Brother Aultman; Sister Annie Lail, L.W.W.B. president; A. Douglas, clerk; and Brother Thomas took part in burning the mortgage. The morning service was highlighted by a Mother's Day message by Brother Aultman. After a wonderful dinner on the grounds, the afternoon service was made up of special singing and a God-anointed message by our district pastor, Brother Underwood. Yes, this was a wonderful day at the Church of God in Hickory, North Carolina.

—Boyd Holt, reporter

## Highlights of Pennsylvania Camp Meeting

For several hours now the grounds had been astir. Something big was about to happen. Everyone could feel it in the air. But now there was a reverent hush as the opening crowd of several hundred bowed their heads in the first prayer. Then they were singing a familiar hymn in a spirited way that was to distinguish the music throughout the entire camp.

The official opening of the 1958 Pennsylvania State camp meeting by Rev. George D. Lemons, state Overseer, was both scriptural and prayerful. As one, the hearts and voices of the congregation echoed his prayer and theme: "Oh Lord, give us an old-time, Holy Ghost camp meeting, for Jesus sake!" The third repetition of that prayer was attended by a shower of glory. Rev. G. W. Lane, of Cincinnati, Ohio, returned for the second year as camp evangelist. His preaching was again ordained of God to stir the souls of his hearers. From night to night he was mightily anointed of the Spirit. Before the camp was completed his sermons were blessed of God to the converting of many to righteousness. Many souls were opened to the indwelling of the Spirit, and many grasped faith for healing.

Each day the early morning prayer and Bible study added to the blessings of the previous day. The teaching of Rev. Albert H. Batts, of Knoxville, Tennessee, provoked discussion and study throughout the day. His anointed ministry of teaching drew unusual large crowds.

Friday afternoon, July 4, featured the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band program under the direction of Mrs. George D. Lemons, the state president. Sister Lemons was given a lovely corsage and a nice gift from the L.W.W.B.'s of the state. After the local and district reports, Sister Lemons announced the local and district awards and gave an inspiring address on "The Importance of the L.W.W.B. to the Local Church and Pastor." The program closed with testimonials of the L.W.W.B.'s contributions to the local program. Camp evangelist, G. W. Lane, and Bible teacher, A. H. Batts said, "This is the best L.W.W.B. program I've ever seen." In the evening service a deeply moving drama, "The Ten Virgins," was presented by the band from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Saturday, July 5, was youth day. Under the leadership of state director, W. J. Dobben, the day featured a choral reading and pantomime entitled "The Choice," and sermons by Rev. Paul Alumbaugh, of Boynton, Pennsylvania, and Rev. Paul F. Barker, of Salem, West Virginia. A promotional feature, "A Talk With a Stoplight," visualized the progress of the Sunday School and youth program in Pennsylvania during the past year. Miss Martha Barks and Mr. Richard Dugan, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, were crowned as Pennsylvania's first "Coupon Queen and King." In the evening service, the state Sunday School Award was presented to the Claysburg church and the state Y.P.E. Award was

presented to the Waynesburg church. Rev. E. R. Waller, of Waynesburg, was also the hard working pastor who won both \$100 awards in the state Publications Contest.

The Sunday morning service of the camp brought the state convention mission offering to \$7,468.74. This exceeded last year's offering by \$1,882.00 and set a new record for missions in Pennsylvania. We were especially blessed with a thrilling missions message by Rev. Houston R. Morehead, General Overseer of the Church of God. Visiting the Pennsylvania camp meeting for the first time in his many years of ministry to the church, Brother Morehead, as well as his lovely wife, was immediately welcomed to the hearts of Pennsylvanians. Brother Morehead's message Monday morning on the doctrine of the church was an inspiring and stirring challenge to the ministry and laity alike.

An interview with Rev. O. W. Polen, National Sunday School and Youth Director, enlightened the audience on what the National Youth Department is now doing. Later, the anointed message of Brother Polen, "Who Cares?" stirred the souls of all present. As a result, many Sunday School and youth workers dedicated themselves anew to the ever increasing task of winning youth.

Visiting ministers who made outstanding contributions to the spiritual feasting of the camp were missionaries—M. G. McLuhan, of Central Africa; G. B. Horton, of

the Dominican Republic. State overseers—Henry C. Stoppe, of New Jersey; and C. E. Yates, of New York. Pastors—John E. Lemons, of Radford, Virginia; and Frank Sings, of Niagara Falls, New York.

A special blessing was ours on the 4th of July when a large number of the "Voice of Calvary Choir," from Cincinnati, Ohio, visited us. Although they traveled all night to get here, their songs thrilled our hearts.

Children's services were conducted twice daily on the grounds. For the first time, the children had a tent of their own in which to worship. The services, led by Mrs. D. Defino and Mrs. W. J. Dobben,

were blessed of God when eight children accepted Christ. The children's program on Tuesday afternoon showed the study themes of "We Worship the Lord," and "The Christian's Birth and Growth."

Thursday, July 10, the grounds were once again astir. The bustle of expectancy was subdued by a feeling of reluctance. Soon it would all be over. The mountain top experiences had been wonderful. With Peter, many would have been willing to say, "Master, it is good for us to be here: . . . let us make three tabernacles." But there was also a growing awareness that the valley of service desperately needed men who had beheld His glory.

The last service was followed by lingering handshakes and "good-byes." "This year's camp was so wonderful in every way," many expressed themselves, and so another great Pennsylvania camp meeting was history.

We can well be proud of the leadership of our good state overseer who was present in every service and has worked so faithfully. He and his wife are loved and appreciated for their untiring efforts and fervent prayers in behalf of the Churches of God in Pennsylvania.

—Bonnie Dobben, reporter



Pray for God to heal my husband of cancer. He has had 2 operations and doctors don't give much hope.  
—Bernice Tyler  
Kingman, Ariz.

Pray for my grandson, who is in the Navy hospital; pray for both his soul and body.  
—Mrs. George Paddick

Pray for my brother to be saved before it is too late, and also pray for my mother and me to be healed.  
—Christine Sullivan  
Pinson, Ala.

Pray for my backslidden son and my other children to be saved.  
—A mother who loves the Lord

Pray for my cousin's husband to be healed of acute leukemia.  
—Mrs. Allen Frost  
Hebert, La.

Pray for God to remove obstacles in my way to a work God has called me to do.  
—A sister in Christ

Pray for the Lord to heal the body of my daughter as she is in serious condition, also pray that He will baptize her with the Holy Ghost.  
—Rosa New  
Mt. Airy, N. C.

Pray for the Lord to heal my son and help him to find work as he has a large family to support. Also pray for my other children to be saved.  
—Mrs. Rosa Speight  
Rockingham, N. C.

Pray that the Lord will heal Sister Leddy Cook and bring her home to her family and that He will save her loved ones. Please write to her and help cheer her up—Mrs. Leddy Cook, Ward 501, State Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Pray for my aunt, who lives near Ft. Smith, Ark., to be healed of an affliction, to be able to walk, and to secure someone kind to live with her  
—Blanche B. Mabry  
Pulaski, Va.

Pray that God will heal my body and that the X ray will not show anything.  
—Mrs. Nellie Lydia  
Woodruff, S. C.

Pray that the Lord will heal my body and will answer a very special request.  
—Minnie Lee Coker  
Montgomery, Ala.

Pray for a very special and urgent unspoken request for me and two children.  
—Holy Ghost filled  
church members

Pray that my son-in-law, who is in the hospital, will be healed and that the Lord will help his son and daughter-in-law to come to Him before it is too late.  
—Mrs. Alice Jones  
New Orleans, La.

Pray that the Lord will heal me of ulcers and heal my wife's back and legs and that He will save Mr. Clarence McCallum from a life of sin.  
—W. A. Campbell  
Cleveland, S. C.

Pray for my husband, who is in the hospital with high blood pressure, heart trouble, and a blood clot on his left leg, which is affecting his right lung.  
—Mrs. R. C. Ogle  
Arlington, California

Pray for my daughter who is in the hospital. She may have to have a serious operation. Also pray for me as I can hardly get up and down because of my back.

—Mrs. A. W. Willingham  
Rochelle, Illinois

Pray for Sara Gray that she may be saved and be healed, and pray that I will have more of God's power in my life.

—James Thompson  
Detroit 9, Michigan

Pray that God's will shall be done in my home and my life and that the plan of God and the blessings of Pentecost will be made plain to my loved ones.  
—Clata B. Hales  
Akron 5, Ohio

Pray for Eria Combs, Combs, Ky., to be healed and saved and also that God will heal my body.  
—Polly Fraler  
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Pray that God will have His way and for the salvation of 2 people. Also pray for the healing of my body.  
—A sister in Christ

Pray that the warts on my hands will go off and pray that my mother and dad will go back together if it is God's will.  
—Jimmy Owens

Pray for the healing of my body.  
—Mrs. Laura Morris  
Lexington, N. C.

Pray that God will touch my body and that I will be a humble servant of God. Also pray for my husband to see the light and be willing to accept Christ.

—Mrs. Charlie W. Cabe  
Franklin, N. C.

Pray that God will heal the affliction in my neck and back and remove every doubt in my mind.  
—Mrs. Maude Welch  
Fortuna, Calif.



## FROM THE HEART OF A MISSIONARY

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measures only 530 feet from stem to stern, yet on it we are attempting to cross an expanse of water measuring more than 4,000 miles. It looks impossible. Nevertheless, in spite of the fact that one storm could put this ship 4 or 5 miles below the surface, we felt it reasonable to travel and are now three days away from the United States, with 12 days sailing time before Japan will become visible. The missionary enterprise, faced with one and a half billion unbelieving souls, very closely resembles the picture of the tiny ship on the measureless waters. Our work can never see completion; our cause will never be won; it is an impossibility for us to evangelize the whole world. These and many more stupefying propositions present themselves even as we now journey to the Island Empire to resume our efforts which we know will never see completion. However difficulty is not defeat. Satan's vices are not victory. And our insufficiency is not inability. Neither is our frailty failure. Christ is conqueror, and we go as His ambassadors to establish His righteousness in areas that today are darkened by demon defiance.

My prayer is that even as you read this excerpt from my feelings, you will hear Jesus saying to you, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." This missionary's heart cries out for someone who will look beyond the temporal blessings, which are in such abundance in our America, and see the great unreaped harvest in Japan. The call is urgent for consecrated young men and women ready to go today. There may not be a tomorrow.



## RESOLUTIONS OF THE 47TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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very soon spread to the other provinces of Canada and surely to these United States.

We further commend the United States Commerce Department whose new regulations prohibit new federal highways from becoming "billboard alleys."

We urge Christians to want to do something about this problem, and to feel more responsible for the total problem. We urge churchmen to support legislation in local, state, and federal legislative groups to prohibit deceptive advertising of all intoxicating drinks.

To halt the practice of serving alcoholic beverages on airplanes and to keep passengers from bringing beer and liquor aboard.

Because drinking intoxicants aboard airlines is too dangerous to be permitted in that it impairs reason, will, self-control, and judgment, and removes inhibitions—all of which causes intoxicated passengers to endanger the safety and well-being of human lives in flight and creates serious social and moral problems;

We stand united in supporting congressional legis-

lation which would halt the practice of serving drinks on airplanes and keep passengers from bringing alcoholic beverages aboard.

### Without Christ

Christ is the way—Men without Him are like Cain, wanderers, vagabonds.

He is the truth—Men without Him are liars, like the devil of old.

He is the life—Men without Him are dead in trespasses and sins.

He is the light—Men without Him walk in darkness and know not whither they go.

He is the vine—Men who are not in Him are withered branches prepared for the fire.

He is the rock—Men not built on Him are carried away by the flood of judgment.

He is the bread and water of life—Men without Him will hunger and thirst through all eternity.

O blessed Lord Jesus, how much better were it not to be than to be without Thee; never to be born than to die without Thee and eternally to need Thee!  
—Maryland Tract Society.



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—Dee Golden, compositor

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Area	Location	States Included	Date
Southeastern Peninsula	Municipal Auditorium Orlando, Florida	Florida and Georgia (Southern Section)	January 9-10
Southern	Armory Birmingham, Alabama	Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia (Western Section), Tennessee and Louisiana (Eastern Section)	January 22-24
Southwestern	Convention Hall Mineral Wells, Texas	Northwestern Texas, Southwestern Texas, Louisiana, (Western Section), Oklahoma (Southern Section), Arkansas (Southern Section) and New Mexico (Eastern Section)	February 5-7
Western	Sciot's Auditorium Phoenix, Arizona	Arizona, New Mexico (Western Section), Colorado, California (Southern Section) and Utah	February 18-20
Pacific Northwest	Armory Salem, Oregon	Washington, Oregon, California (Northern Section), Nevada, Idaho and Montana (Western Section)	February 26-28
Southeastern	Park Center Charlotte, North Carolina	South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia (Southern Section) and Georgia (Eastern Section)	March 12-14
Northeastern	Armory Salisbury, Maryland	West Virginia (Eastern Section), Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C., New York, New Jersey, New England States and Virginia (Northern Section)	March 26-28
Northern	Memorial Hall Springfield, Ohio	Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Central Canada and West Virginia (Western Section)	April 9-11
Midwestern	St. Louis House, Inc. St. Louis, Missouri	Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska (Southern Section), Oklahoma (Northern Section), Arkansas (Northern Section), Kentucky (Western Section) and Wisconsin (Southern Section)	April 22-24
Northwestern	Farmers' Union Building Minot, North Dakota	Western Canada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin (Northern Section), Wyoming, Montana (Eastern Section) and Nebraska (Northern Section)	April 30 May 1, 2

Attend the convention NEAREST you.

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By MRS. G. W. AYERS, Portland, Maine

Memory Verse: "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2).

Monday, September 29

Scripture, Psalm 51, *An Inward Look*

A little poem says, "We are the only Bible this careless world will read; we are the sinner's gospel; we are the scoffer's creed; we are the Lord's last message given in word and deed." If those about us look only on *our* lives in order to judge Christianity, we would do well to take a keener look at ourselves to see if we are measuring up! Let's see if *cheerfulness* makes our lives glow and if our *clean thinking and actions* cause those about us to desire to be pure. Let's see if we are *really* patient when tried, if we *always* speak the truth, and if we are constantly conscious of God's presence.

**Prayer:** Let me, O Lord, see myself as Thou seest me.

Tuesday, September 30

Scripture, Proverbs 15, *Cheerfulness*

If we, as Christians, seem always to have a sad, sorrowful look or manner about us, how can we expect to attract others to Christ? People are looking for something to make them happy. If we make serving God seem a burdensome duty, how would this make others want to serve Him? They have enough burdens while serving Satan. If we constantly whine and cry about our disappointments, will others want to travel the same road with us? If we fill the ears of the unsaved with the unsavory trials that we think we have, will they believe that we find pleasure in being a Christian? Let's think about this. When we *do* have things to face, let's "tell it to Jesus alone" as the song tells us, and carry a happy face.

**Prayer:** May we make Thy way attractive to others by the way we enjoy serving Thee.

Wednesday, October 1

Scripture, James 1, *Patience*

Verses 3 and 4 of the above instruct us in patience. Also, in Luke 21:19, our Lord tells us, "In your

patience possess ye your souls." In Romans 5:3, Paul reminds us, "but we glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience." If we pray for patience, (and who in these hurried days does not need it?) we may expect a certain amount of tribulation; yet we must not think it strange concerning these fiery trials that test us. These trials come to help make us fit subjects for the kingdom of God. Satan would use our impatience to sap our victory and cause us to doubt our ability to control ourselves at all times.

**Prayer:** Lord, though it may bring tribulation, may we have a tender spirit like unto Thine own.

Thursday, October 2

Scripture, Matthew 5, *Purity*

The eighth verse, in the words of our Lord, tells us that those who wish to see God, must be pure in heart. Titus 2:14 says God will "... purify unto himself a peculiar people." The holiest person, the one most free from impurity, will feel it most. He whose garments are the whitest will be the first to notice spots upon them. He who shines the brightest will be the first to discover darkness within himself. Surely, in our imitation of Him, in our looking on His purity, we will see our own mars, spots, and wrinkles. 1 John 3:3 says, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

**Prayer:** Lord, search our lives, Thou knowest our secrets; make us pure and more like Thee each day.

Friday, October 3

Scripture, Proverbs 8, *Truthfulness*

"For my mouth shall speak the truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips" (verse 7). Today many people are tripped up by Satan as he causes them to put a false light on many things. One can act a lie. One can silently consent to a lie when he, by speaking out, could have told all who were concerned the truth. Truth is a sterling quality and parents today

should teach their children to tell the truth *always*, though the consequences might not be pleasant for them or others. A "little white lie" told to protect another should not be condoned. Revelation 21:8 says that *all* liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire. "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged" (Proverbs 16:6).

**Prayer:** Father, set Thy guard upon our lips, thoughts, and acts. May we always be truthful. May the Holy Ghost guide us into all the ways of truth. May we always heed His warning.

Saturday, October 4

Scripture, John 15, *A Constant Consciousness of God's Presence*

"Never say what Christ wouldn't say, never listen to that which He wouldn't condone, and never go where you wouldn't want to take Him with you." If you have a constant awareness of God's presence near you, you will follow the old adage given above. How can you keep the feeling of His presence near? Ephesians 5:19 admonishes us to speak to ourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord. I believe God's presence is nearer when we praise Him. Psalm 107 says 4 times in the same chapter, "O that men would praise the Lord!" If we become constantly aware of His presence, we'll not be tempted to sin, for His angels will be encamped about us to help us praise Him.

**Prayer:** May we never loose the consciousness of Thy presence.

A youthful giant slouched into an Illinois schoolroom one day after school. The teacher, Mentor Graham, looked up and recognized the young husky standing there awkwardly as the young buck who had recently moved to town and who whipped the daylights out of of all the local toughs. Graham looked up and down the six-foot-four-inches of muscle and ignorance before him and offered to help him read and to lend him a few books. No one remembers Mentor Graham nowadays. He was one of the quiet men, but his pupil will be remembered for a long time. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

—William P. Barker, *TWELVE WHO WERE CHOSEN* (The Fleming H. Revell Company).





# family devotions



By MRS. G. W. AYERS, Portland, Maine

Memory Verse: "... For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

Monday, October 6

Scripture, Psalm 139, *Another Inward Look*

The twenty-third verse of this chapter, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts"; and Joshua 23:11, "Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord, your God," both advise us to have another inward look. We should take one daily! Last week we studied some of the good qualities of a Christian. We looked at cheerfulness, patience, purity, truthfulness and a consciousness of God's presence. This week, let us look at some of the things that might hinder our spiritual progress. They might be idle communications, covetousness or selfishness, resentment, worldliness and lack of respect. May we study these carefully and see if we are guilty of any, even in the slightest degree.

**Prayer:** Father, help me to judge myself, lest I be judged or weighed in the balances and found wanting.

Tuesday, October 7

Scripture, James 3, *Idle Communications*

Philippians 1:27 says, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ"; Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." James 1:26 says, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." In Matthew 12:36, our Lord tells us that for every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. One great prophet cried out, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips." These references should stop careless and unclean speech.

**Prayer:** Let us speak only things that will glorify Thee, O Father.

Wednesday, October 8

Scripture, Luke 12, *Covetousness or Selfishness*

Our Lord tells us here to beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in an abundance of things. We are told not to heap to ourselves treasures here upon earth. We are not to treasure the things that we do have, though they may be few. We are to put Christ and His kingdom first! Covetousness and selfishness are different, but they often go hand in hand. One wants and the other keeps, one or both are often found in the lives of those about us. Paul was willing to spend and be spent in the service of the Lord. A poem once said, "There are no pockets in a shroud." You have often heard it said, "You can't take it with you." Only the things done for God will live on beyond death.

**Prayer:** Lord, may we analyze our own lives and if we find any vestige of selfishness or covetousness there, wilt Thou erase it and keep it away forever?

Thursday, October 9

Scripture, Hebrews 12, *Resentment*

Many people resent many things; some even resent the chastisement of the Lord, but the sixth verse tells us that He loves those whom He chastens. We are not to question God's ways for they are above men's way. We aren't to resent His hand though it may fall heavy at times. He teaches us something in the trial. Neither are we to bitterly resent instructions from elders; we know that they watch for our souls. Resentment can build until all Christian victory is gone. Satan finds it one of his most useful devices and carries it to the high and low. We must shun it as we would poison and pray to the Lord to erase its sting lest we retort in a like manner.

**Prayer:** Father, guard us from resentment. Thou knowest the weakness of man; make us all strong against this great evil.

Friday, October 10

Scripture, Romans 12, *Worldliness*

The second verse tells us very forcefully to beware of worldliness. Jesus, when praying for His disciples, asked that they not be taken from the world, but that they be kept from the evils of the world. I am always amazed when I see people doing things again that they once said that God had condemned them for. Either He didn't condemn them in the beginning or now they are ignoring His wishes. I do not mean this only in things that pertain to the outward appearance. Many may look holy on the outside but carry things in the inward man that are not pleasing to God. When people begin to live closer to God, however, the more Christlike they become every day. They look and act different. Soon there is no question—they are just "not of the world" any more. Galatians 6:7, 8 warns against worldliness.

**Prayer:** Father, may others see, every day, that we've been with Jesus.

Saturday, October 11

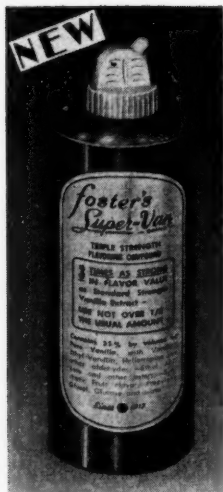
Scripture, Romans 13, *Lack of Respect*

Verses 4 and 6 tell us to respect our ministry. 2 Peter 2:10 speaks of those who are presumptuous and self-willed and of those who are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Today there is lack of respect for the aged and for parents. 1 Timothy 5:1 and Proverbs 23:22 gives us directions about how they should be treated. This lack of respect for others is another tool of Satan, but he never lets folks know that those who flout holy people and holy things are in danger of the wrath of God. Those who show lack of respect doubtlessly think that they are high and mighty, but they should remember that that was the reason for Satan's being cast out of heaven. Romans 13:7 says, "Render therefore to all their dues... honour to whom honour." We find in Romans 12:10, "... in honour preferring one another."

**Prayer:** Father, help Thy people to respect Thee, Thy house, Thy ministers, and each other always.

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